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Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

### Sir:

Preliminary to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

An abstract appears on a separate sheet, page 6.

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